SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Discussions are being held with the World Bank regarding the financing of the power generation projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). One of the points under discussion pertains to World Bank funding NTPC joint sector projects with Indian and foreign private partners.

Prior Permission for operation of Air Conditioner

4627. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any prior permission for operation of air conditioner in domestic and commercial premises is required;

(b) if so, what are the formalities required separately for each category with charges;

(c) whether any penalty has been fixed for operation of air conditioner without any formal permission;

(d) whether this penalty also includes disconnection of electricity of the defaulter;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any surprise checks are being undertaken by officials of D.E.S.U. or Delhi Administration in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details of such checks undertaken locality-wise during 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (g) Air-conditioning loads for domestic and commercial purposes in Delhi require the sanction of Delhi Administration. The commercial and other formalities required to be fulfilled are the same as for other domestic/non-domestic loads. Use of air-conditioning loads even if the consumer is in possession of a valid permission of Delhi Administration is prohibited during restricted peak hours (6.30 PM to 10 PM) under the Delhi Electricity Control Order, 1959, except in respect of certain exempted categories. Contravention of this provision involves disconnection of supplies for a period of 4 days in case of first contravention and for 7 days for each subsequent contravention after giving 48 hours notice. Surprise checkings in this regard are generally carried out by DESU during the periods of power crises. Details of circle-wise checkings carried out by DESU against violation of use of Air-conditioners during 1991 are as follows:

North	..	110
West	..	56
South	..	133
Central	..	95
North-West	..	11
East	..	33
Total	..	438

Timing for Collection of Electricity and other payments by D.E.S.U.

4628. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.E.S.U. has set up Departmental Offices for collection of electricity and other payments;

(b) if so, what are their locations, locality-wise;

(c) whether D.E.S.U. has also set up mobile departmental offices for collection of electricity and other payments;

(d) if so, their locations, locality-wise, alongwith timings of their functioning;

(e) whether D.E.S.U. has also made arrangements for payment of electricity and other payments at any of its departmental offices of Delhi although the payment might pertain to a different office; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (f) The requisite information regarding departmental offices/mobile cash collection vans of DESU for collection of electricity bills and other payments are given in the statement (*see* below). The timings of mobile cash collection vans are from 10.00 AM to